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First of Returning 40th To Land in States Today



LT. BURKHOLDER ... Air Missile Job

Lt. Burkholder Given High Post At Point Mugu

Lt. Harry R. Burkholder, of 27140 Buckskin Ln., Rolling Hills, has been named assistant project officer in the Missile Test Dept. of the U. S. Naval Air Missile Test Center, Point Mugu, it was announced this week.

A former industrial engineer of the National Supply Co. and president of the Torrance Toastmasters Club, Lieutenant Burkholder was assigned to Point Mugu last Dec. 29 following his return from an eight-month tour of duty in the Korean waters aboard the carrier Bon Homme Richard. He was recalled to active duty in July, 1950.

A native of Philadelphia, Pa., Burkholder received his bachelor of science and mechanical engineering from Purdue University in 1939. He served two and one-half years in the Navy during World War II.

Following his release to inactive duty, he came to Torrance with The National Supply Co.

His wife, the former Martha MacPherson, resides with their two children, David 3, and Selia 1, at 27140 Buckskin Ln.

Six Included From Area on Return List

Six Torrance area men will be among the first members of California's 40th Division to return from Korea today under the Army's new "phase out" program for National Guardsmen.

Arrival of the Navy transport Sgt. Sylvester Antolak in Seattle is scheduled for 1 p. m. today.

Aboard from this area will be:

Cpl. William E. Hughes, 3708 W. 24th St., Welteria.
Sfc. Charles C. Batts, 4033 W. 167th St.

Sgt. R. V. Thom, 25660 Marigold Ave., Harbor City.

1st Lt. R. S. Hamada, 1764 W. 165th St.

M/Sgt. Ben F. Pearson Jr., 1503 W. 214th St.

Cpl. David L. Byrne, 2035 W. 240th St., Lomita.

The men are being returned to the United States for release from active duty. Reactivation of the California National Guard is planned.

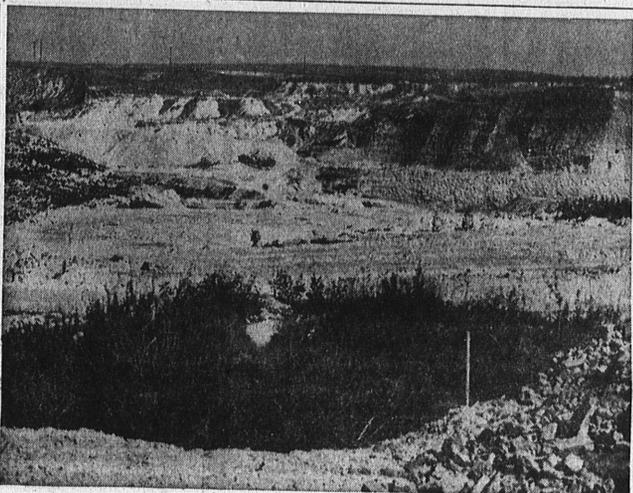
Also enroute home are three other Torrance men who have been with the 40th Division, according to Army sources.

Due in the United States in the near future are:

M/Sgt. Norman P. Baker, 1518 Frank Ave.

Sgt. Frank M. Elliott, 3717 W. 174th St.

Loren D. Steele, 1320 Co ta Ave.



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PARK SITE? ... Directors of the County sanitation District voted this week to petition the County Board of Supervisors to purchase the diatomite pit near Welteria as a park site. The area contains nearly 400 acres which once contained large deposits of diatomaceous earth.

County May Purchase Welteria Dump Site

A move to have the County Board of Supervisors purchase the 400-acre diatomite pit south of Welteria for conversion into a park site was made this week, but few residents here today would ever see it.

According to a plan adopted by the directors of the county sanitation districts last Thursday, the County Board of Supervisors will be petitioned to purchase the pit to be developed as a park—after it has been used as a dump for non-combustibles for 50 or 75 years.

Supervisor Roger Jessup, a Torrance dairyman and resident of the San Fernando Valley, told the directors that he would recommend that the county purchase the site as a dump.

He explained that the districts which would dispose of rubbish in the excavation would have to pay a rental fee on a per-ton basis.

A. M. Rawn, chief engineer for the districts, estimated that the pit would take 25,000,000 tons of material.

Rawn said that the sanitation districts do not have enough money to purchase the Welteria pit, and he urged that the supervisors make certain that the 400 acres be reserved as a site for future park development.

The county would be repaid for the cost of the pit through the per-ton rental fees, Supervisor Jessup said.

It was estimated by officials at the meeting that it would take from 50 to 75 years to fill the huge pit.

The area was once rich in diatomite, a diatomaceous earth used as a filtering agent in breweries and other industries.



ATTEND CD COURSE ... W. M. McElroy, General Petroleum official, left and George Kidd, training instructor for California's CD program, go over lecture material with Worth for the petroleum industry here Thursday. Fifty-four men attended the class. (See Page 13).

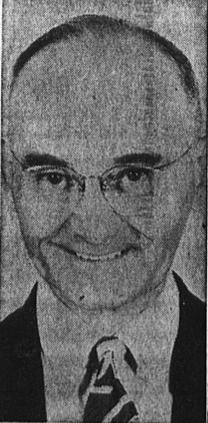


PRIZE CATCH ... Nine-year-old Judy Lynn made the catch of the season yesterday when she picked up the Easter Bunny while he was out looking over the city before his annual visit here. She turned him loose so he could make the rounds with his basket of eggs this morning.

Torrance Memorial Records 1172 Births

Torrance Memorial Hospital was the birthplace of 1172 babies during 1951. Superintendent Elsa Hammerstrom reported to the annual meeting of the Torrance Hospital Assn. Friday.

Miss Hammerstrom's annual medical report for the year showed that births at the hospital had increased 82 over the 1950 figure of 1090.



JESSE J. BROWN ... Hangs Up Saw

PE Carpenter Retires Here After 34 Years

Jesse J. Brown, a Pacific Electric Railway carpenter for 34 years, packed his tools for the last time this week at the Torrance Shops and announced his retirement.

Church visitation work for the Brethren Church, 60th and Compton Ave. of which he is a trustee, deacon, and Bible School teacher, will take up most of his time, Brown explained.

Fellow workers at the Torrance Shops presented the veteran railroader with a farewell gift.

Brown, a widower, has lived at 1326 E. 59th St. since 1920. He has three daughters, a son and eight grandchildren.

Tuesday Night Is Deadline On State Taxes

Tuesday night is the deadline for filing State income tax returns without penalty.

Thomas H. Kuchel, chairman of the Franchise Tax Board, announced yesterday that his office at 206 State Building, Los Angeles, would remain open until 6 p. m. Tuesday to enable "last minute" filers to obtain assistance in preparation of their returns.

All single persons with net incomes of \$2000 or more and married persons with a combined net income of \$3500 or more must file returns.

Justice Court Dedication Set For Wednesday

Dedication ceremonies for the new South Bay Civic Center building which houses the new municipal courts for the Bay area will be conducted Wednesday at 9 a. m. at 1231 N. Pacific Ave., Redondo Beach.

Supervisor Raymond W. Darby will make the presentation of the building to Judge John A. Shidler, presiding District Judge. Jean Hersholt, CBS radio's "Dr. Christian," will be the honored guest for the event.

Invocation will be offered by the Rev. Paul Wenske, pastor of the Torrance First Lutheran Church. Members of the dedication committee include the secretaries of the Chambers of Commerce for the five South Bay cities.

The public has been invited to attend the ceremonies, it was stated.

FIREWORKS SALE GETS COUNCIL NOD

Sale of "safe" fireworks by the Veterans Service Council for July 1, 2, 3 and 4 was approved by the City Council at a special meeting Wednesday night.

Open Holes, Sumps Outlawed By 'Kathy Fiscus' Ordinance

Uncapped or unguarded oil wells, cisterns, or holes in the ground which are potential death traps or oil sumps and other earthen sumps which constitute a public nuisance were the target of legislation by the City Council Wednesday night when a "Kathy Fiscus" ordinance was approved by the city dads.

The law, which becomes effective this week, makes it unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to own, possess or occupy any parcel of property upon which there exists a condition where a fall by a person would be likely to result in injury.

Violation of the new ordinance is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500, or imprisonment in the County Jail for six months, or both.

The law declares that a 6 1/2-foot fence must surround any such public nuisance so as to prevent any unauthorized person from falling into, or entering the premises where any excavation or oil sump exists which is a hazard.

Pair Sent Up On Burglary

Clarence W. Caples, 19, and Floyd Polston, 18, Welteria youths, were turned over to the California Youth Authority following a conviction of burglary in Santa Ana, Friday, Det. Sgt. Percy Bennett reported yesterday.

Caples and Polston allegedly were accompanied by Caples' father, Clyde, when pulling the burglaries. The father is still at large.

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